

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 13-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15 and 16 are amended. The amendments introduce no new matter. Claim 12 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in that claim. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Nishimura; rejects claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nishimura; and rejects claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nishimura in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,278,965 to Glass et al. (hereinafter "Glass"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Regarding claim 1, Nishimura teaches a flight strip management device that communicates with various databases 11-16. Each database has an information processing device 10A-10F. An information reading unit 21 reads information relating to aircraft movement from each information processing devices 10A-10F and communicates this to flight strips compiling and updating unit 22 (see col. 6, lines 12-15). Information reading unit 21 reads the updated flight strip information and communicates this to respective information processing devices 10A-10F. Information processing devices 10A-10F store, as the most recent management information, the flight strip information that has been communicated to them.

In other words, Nishimura teaches a centralized system that receives information from and updates various databases. Nishimura does not teach, nor can it reasonably be considered to have suggested, at least one second airport operations advisor module having at least one of a graphical user interface and a text based interface and usable to manage airline operations, wherein the at least one second airport operations advisor is networked with the

airport management database to select and receive the publicly available status information and the information the airline desires to share, as recited in claim 1.

For example, the present subject matter discloses embodiments wherein each of the airline airport operation advisor modules 150 and 160, as described, for example, in paragraph [0032], comprise the functionality of the input/output interfaces 605, as described, for example, in paragraph [0055]. The at least one second airport operations advisor module therein is usable to select and receive information.

Claim 6 is likewise allowable for at least the recitation of similar features.

Claims 10 and 16 recite, among other features, gathering proprietary status information and selectively distributing the proprietary status information to authorized airport operations advisor modules. Nishimura does not teach, nor can it reasonably be considered to have suggested, such features. For example, Nishimura does not restrict dissemination of information, proprietary or otherwise, to authorized recipients. Rather, all of the information gathered by the flight strips management device 20 and stored in the database 23a is accessible via information reading unit 21 and information display unit 24.

None of the other applied prior art references make up for the above-identified shortfalls in Nishimura.

For at least the above reasons, the applied prior art references do not teach, nor can they reasonably be considered to have suggested, the combinations of features recited in independent claims 1, 7, 10 and 16. Further, claims 3, 5, 6, 11, 13-15 and 17 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by the applied prior art references for at least the respective dependence of these claims directly or indirectly on independent claims 1, 7, and 10 as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recite.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 13-17 as being anticipated by, or unpatentable over, the applied prior art references are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10, 11 and 13-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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